



The City of Parma

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

#ThisIsParma

It is truly an exciting time in our city. Our town center, The Crossroads of Parma, is bustling with new development, and I feel that we are well on our way to becoming the destination city that we want to be. I encourage you to get out and see some of the new businesses and development happening, and to experience some of the new shops and eateries. We have new recreation offerings, both for kids and adults, and Parma is one of the most affordable cities in Northeast Ohio.

We're pleased to bring you this printed newsletter, which you will receive twice a year—at the beginning of March and the beginning of October. In it, you'll find safety tips, news from your council representative and happenings around town. We hope you'll keep it handy so you can refer to it when you need a date or a phone number.

The most exciting way to learn more about your city is to get out and about to see and experience some of the new development. The Shoppes at Parma have an official grand opening later this summer. On Memorial Day weekend, our newest recreational offering, the Parma Splash Pad, will open on W. Ridgewood Rd. New businesses like Make Believe Family Fun Center, the Little Birdie Wine Nest, Mission Barbeque and Panda Express are open and welcoming.

The city utilized funds from University Hospitals Parma Medical Center to build two pickleball courts behind Ries Ice Rink. The courts have been popular with seniors and kids as a healthy and engaging activity.

We're working hard to provide new and exciting activities for you and your family to enjoy, as well as new places to visit, dine and shop. Parma is becoming a destination point. We think that once people come into our city, whether for our neighborhoods, fine bakeries, restaurants or activities, they'll come back to enjoy it again.

Read about new and exciting developments in your city and keep this handy for future reference. It contains important dates, phone numbers and ideas of things to do with your family this summer. I hope you'll get out and take advantage of all that Parma has to offer.

Mayor Tim DeGeeter



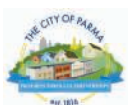
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Safe Sitter® class

Today's babysitters need to know more than just the basics to keep themselves and the children in their care safe. That's why Safe Sitter®, an up-to-date and well-rounded youth development program teaches young teens safety skills. The program equips them with the tools needed to stay home alone safely and with confidence.

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Safe Sitter® is open to 11 to 14 year-olds. To enroll your son or daughter in a Safe Sitter® course hosted by University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and The City of Parma on April 14 or October 13 from 9:30am -3:00 pm at the Parma Fire Training Room, 7335 Ridge Road call Mandy Nagle at 216.983.1110. The cost is \$40.00.

Parma Safety Fair, Community Shred Day scheduled

Parma's annual Safety Fair, a community family event for area residents to learn valuable safety information, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parma Justice Center, 5555 Powers Blvd.

The event is a cooperative effort of the Parma Fire Department, Parma Police Department, City of Parma and Parma City Council. The highlight of the Safety Fair is the medical chopper landing, which is scheduled at noon, after which kids and their parents can explore the chopper. The Fair also includes a grease fire demonstration, a K-9 demonstration and information about gun safety, fingerprinting, Internet safety and much more.



In conjunction with the Safety Fair, a community shredding event is scheduled during the same hours at the UH Parma Medical Center's main parking lot. The shredding services will be handled by All Ohio Secure Shred and paid for by a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District administered through the City's Community Services & Economic Development Department.

Parma residents should bring identification – a driver's license or utility bill – and also a donation of canned or non-perishable food items for the Parma Hunger Center, which will be on-site collecting the food items.

PFD Open Houses

The Parma Fire Department will host its annual Open House Day on Saturday, May 6 at all five Parma Fire stations. Residents of all ages are cordially invited to come see YOUR Parma Fire Department and all we have to offer. All five stations will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Firefighters will be on hand to answer any and all questions you may have about the services we provide. Don't forget your camera.

Parma Fire Stations are located at: Station One – 5625 Pearl Road; Station Two – 3311 Snow Road; Station Three – 6655 Ridge Road; Station Four – 3000 Pleasant Valley Road; Station Five – 10220 Pleasant Valley Road.



CITY COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

Ward One—Vito DiPierro



It's an honor to serve and represent Ward 1 residents. Please contact me at ParmaWard1@gmail.com or call 440-885-8091 if I can help you.

I am proud to have worked on the Chevy Basin Project and the Chevrolet Blvd. Area Storm and Sanitary Sewers Improvement Project with the Administration and the Sewer District. After nearly 25 years of flooding issues, relief is arriving for area residents. The Basin is in the final phase. The establishment of vegetation in the Chevy Basin to prevent significant erosion once flows are directed into it is nearly completed. The final seeding was planted late fall of 2016 for the basin bottom and side slopes. The annual rye cover crop is providing protection over the winter and the permanent seed mix will be germinating this Spring. Once this vegetation is established it will be open for business!

This is a very needed improvement for the northwestern area of Ward 1.

Ward Three—Mark Casselberry



Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Ward 3 Councilman. It has been my pleasure to serve you for five years now. Please don't hesitate to call me 440-842-6710 or email me at Mcaselberry@cityofparma-oh.gov. I want Ward 3 and Parma to be a safe and comfortable place for you and your

family to live, and together, we can make this happen. With that in mind, my colleagues and I will be hosting a safety meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, April 25th at 7 p.m. I hope to see you. There are a few ways you can keep up on the events that are happening around Parma. I have a Ward 3 Facebook page (Mark Casselberry Parma City Councilman Ward 3) which can be found by searching Facebook @ParmaWard3, and the city's FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofparmaOhio/>) lists news and events happening around town. If you are not on Facebook, you can find city events on the city calendar at <http://cityofparma-oh.gov/en-US/Calendar.aspx>. There's so much to enjoy in our city, and I wish you a happy and healthy summer of fun.

Ward Two—Debbie Lime



Welcome to another exciting year in Polish Village!

Polish Constitution Day is May 7. Polish Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles, and the parade starts at 2 p.m., followed by the after-party.

In June, the Fourth Annual Polish Village Garage Sale will be June 15-17, and on August 13, our Second Annual Kids Fest is from noon until 3:00 p.m. at Stano Park (Gerald Avenue & West 54th.) Games, prizes and fun for all.

We are selling personalized bricks for Polish Village's Pocket Park, on Ridge Road between Kenneth and Gilbert. The park project is an ongoing Eagle Scout Project, and landscaping and flagpoles will be added soon. Contact me if you'd like to purchase a commemorative brick.

It is always a pleasure to serve you and I hope to see you and your family at one of the activities this summer. Please follow Polish Village Parma Ohio on Facebook. As always, call me at 440-845-1714 or email me at limeward2@gmail.com.

Ward Four—Kristin Saban



I'd like to take a moment to wish you a very Happy and Healthy 2017. I am looking forward to my second year as your representative on Council. We will have our second annual Ward 4 Garage Sale Aug. 10-12, and you can follow the Ward 4 Garage Sale Facebook page for all the latest details. I'm excited to announce our first-ever

Quarry District Picnic, along with Ward 9 which shares the district with us, on Aug. 13. Please look for additional details on the location and times, which will be announced in our ward summer newsletter. Also, on Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m., we will conduct our Spring/Summer Ward Meeting at the Snow Rd. Library in Conference Rm. B. We will have Derek Shafer of West Creek Conservancy there, along with our safety forces for some helpful tips for all of us with going into the warmer months. If ever I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. I can be reached at (216) 398-1770, my e-mail address is ksaban@cityofparma-oh.gov, or you can follow me at KristinSabanParmaWard4Council on Facebook.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

Ward Five—Allan Divis

I recently had the privilege of honoring Ruth Fay, President of the Parma Area Historical Society, for the 200th Anniversary of the Parma Settlers. Ruth's great-great-grandparents, Benajah and Ruth Fay, were the first settlers in Parma in Oct 1816. The couple traveled by foot from their home in Lewis County, NY with their 10 children and settled in what we know now as Parma. Two hundred years later, the city has grown to over 81,600 people and is now the 7th largest city in Ohio.



Ruth is often at Stearns Farm on weekends. Please stop by and visit the farm to experience our jewel in the middle of our city. Bring the kids and grandkids to see the animals and to buy fresh produce on Saturday's. Thank you Ruth for all your hard work and dedication to our City. We are very proud of you.

Look for my newsletter, to be delivered to your home soon. In it, you'll see I have scheduled a ward safety meeting (along with Wards 2 & 3) on April 25th at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Please contact me at 440-888-7213 or allandivis@yahoo.com if I can be of service.

Ward Seven—Brian Brochetti



Having served as Council Representative for Ward 7 since July 2011, I recognize the importance of accessibility. As your representative, I aim to host multiple ward meetings each year to discuss important events in the ward and pending legislation before City Council, host guest speakers, and provide an opportunity to voice questions and concerns. The 2017 ward meetings will be April 5, July

12, and October 4. All meetings are held at American Legion Post 703, 7667 York Rd., Parma, Ohio 44130 and begin at 7 p.m. Additionally, I want to thank the American Legion Post for their continued support of the City of Parma and the residents of Ward 7. If you would like more information about joining Post 703 or any of their events, you can visit them on Facebook or call them at 440-842-0703.

Ward Six—Larry Napoli



As 14-year councilman in Ward Six and Environmental Standards Committee Chairman, I have gotten to know the fine people of the West Creek Conservancy.

WCC is a non-profit organization that conserves natural habitats, restores the ecological value and sustainability of urban lands, and expands neighborhood opportunities

to experience nature. Many of you have visited the West Creek Reservation at 2277 W. Ridgewood Dr. It is truly a gem in our city.

This reservation was made possible in 2006 by an agreement among the West Creek Preservation Committee, the City of Parma and the Cleveland Metroparks. That created the West Creek Reservation, which includes the Watershed Stewardship Center, as the Metroparks' 16th reservation.

My passion for this group runs strong. WCC's annual Up! A Creek fundraiser is on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 5 p.m. at the West Creek Reservation. For more information or to get involved, visit www.westcreek.org or contact Dawn at 216-749-3720 ext. 10

Hope to see you there!

Ward Eight—Dennis Kish



Councilman Kish was appointed in January 2017 to finish out the term on City Council in Ward Eight, which was vacated by Scott Tuma's election to County Council. This is Councilman Kish's second stint on Parma's City Council, as he was a councilman from 1990-1995. He also served as Parma's Auditor from 1996-2015. Councilman Kish is

a U.S. Army veteran and attended Tri-C and Baldwin Wallace. He is a lifetime resident of Parma, and he and his wife Maureen have two children and four grandchildren.

Reach Councilman Kish at 440-885-8091 or email him at Dkish@Cityofparma-oh.gov.

Ward Nine—Jeff Crossman



Along with Parma Law Director Tim Dobeck, I am pleased to be able to offer low income Parma residents the opportunity to obtain free legal guidance from volunteer attorneys. The event will take place on July 29 at the Parma Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon. I have partnered with Law

Director Dobeck and the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to provide this free service for the third consecutive year. Even though it's only once per year, it does provide an opportunity for residents who cannot afford an attorney to speak with a volunteer and get free answers to basic legal questions. There are many residents that can use this service - especially seniors. In other Ward 9 news: I will hold a meeting for Ward 9 residents on April 6, 2017 at the Parma Snow Library at 6 p.m. You may reach me via email at jeffcrossan@outlook.com or via telephone at 216-373-6926.

City Council All-Ward Meeting & City Hall Open House Scheduled

Parma City Council members have scheduled an all-ward safety meeting at City Hall. The Parma Police and Fire Departments and Law Director Tim Dobeck will join the council members on Tuesday,

April 25 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. Come and hear what new additions and programs are happening with our Safety Forces. Law Director Dobeck will be discussing various scams in the area. Immediately following the meeting, the Administration invites you to tour your City Hall. Various offices will be open if you wish to stop by.



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Junior Golf is Back



Over the past three years our junior program has expanded to 117 kids playing Tuesday and Thursday, depending on the age group. This year we are headed back to basics; we plan to set up stations on the course to highlight select shots, along with kids getting course time to play. Our concentration of golfers will remain the same with the younger golfer (beginners) on Tuesday mornings and the older kids (intermediate golfers) on Thursdays. Call Ridgewood Golf Course for more details at (440)-888-1057 or go to our web site at www.Golfridgewoodohio.com and choose the junior tab at top of page. The 2017 Junior Golf Program begins on June 13 (Tuesday beginners) and June 15 (Thursday intermediates) and ends on August 8/August 10, respectively. Pricing and registration details will be available in mid-May. Call the course at 440-888-1057 for details.

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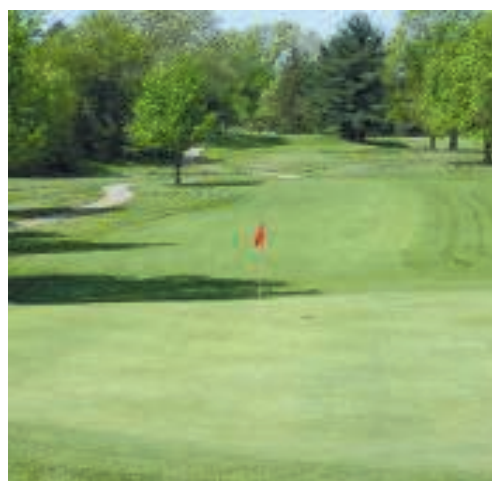
Volunteers needed

Last year we started a new volunteer program at Ridgewood Golf Course. Residents who are interested in giving back to their community can now volunteer at the course to enlighten our customer's experience. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and are needed in these positions: Rangers, Cart Attendants, and Outing Services, just to name a few. Incentives apply to all volunteers. If you are interested in joining our volunteer program please call the Golf Shop at (440)-888-1057 and ask for David or Lori.

Parma Resident Senior Special: Valid 2017 Golf Season (May-September)

\$20 includes 18-holes and ½ cart per/golfer
(Monday-Friday before noon)

Does not include outings or special events.
Call for tee times and availability.



Parma Resident Spring Special: Valid April and May 2017

If you or a neighbor has not played Ridgewood in the past three years, you've missed some big changes. Come see our updates at a special rate including non-seniors at \$20.00 per/golfer.

(Parma residents can bring up to (3) guests
(including non-residents) per visit.)

\$20 includes 18-holes and ½ cart Monday and
Wednesday 7a.m.-noon and Saturday and Sunday
after 2 p.m.

Discount does not apply to outings, league play or
special events.

Call Golf Shop for more information at (440)-888-1057.

City leveraging outside dollars to fund recreation and infrastructure projects

Parma officials are implementing innovative and fiscally-responsible approaches to fund projects and improve public safety. Mayor Tim DeGeeter's administration is leveraging outside dollars to help pay for recreation and infrastructure projects that are completed or slated to begin in a few months.

A few will complement the city's efforts to develop a town center based around Ridge Road and West Ridgewood and featuring The Shoppes at Parma, City Hall, Ridgewood Municipal Golf Course, Byers Field, the University Hospitals Parma Medical Center, as well as the nearby Parma branch of the Cuyahoga County Library.

The town center concept is becoming a reality, as The Shoppes at Parma are scheduled to have an official grand opening this summer, and new businesses like Make Believe Family Fun Center tie in the Day Drive corridor. And Parma's new, state-of-the-art splash pad – funded through a \$225,000 anonymous donation – will open Memorial Day weekend across from The Shoppes at Parma at Anthony C. Zielinski Park. In addition, the city is spending capital dollars to make park improvements, including a changing room/restroom and additional parking.



Not only are these investments designed to give the park a facelift, it's also an effort to capitalize on the more than \$90 million redevelopment at the outdoor shopping complex that is spurring retail interest in the area.



In another part of the city, Parma received \$75,000 through the state capital bill to fund most of the cost of four, new outdoor tennis courts already constructed that complement the four already there, creating a complex that will be used by residents and local high school teams. The administration worked with State Senator Mike Skindell, State Representative Nick Celebrezze and other state officials to secure the funding in the capital bill.

And city also used a combination of local dollars and a grant from University Hospitals Parma Medical Center to build two pickleball courts behind Ries Ice Rink. The courts have been popular with seniors and kids as a healthy and engaging activity.

The outside dollars pursued by the city – such as those that have helped fund the pickleball courts, tennis courts, and the new splash pad – are making a difference.



“As our city budget becomes tighter, we’re trying to leverage outside dollars to help fund important city projects that will improve our economy as well as our quality of life,” DeGeeter said.

Welcome to the Parma Law Department



Here at the Law Department, we work hard to represent the various departments, boards, officers and commissions of Parma. We serve as legal counsel for the Mayor, City Council and various administrative departments such as the Parma Police and Fire Departments. As such, it is our job to represent the interests of our client, the City of Parma.

Our office also oversees the Parma Prosecutor's Office to ensure that every individual accused of a crime is prosecuted accordingly. Between these two offices we employ seven part-time and four full-time attorneys with nearly 300 years of legal experience in both civil and criminal matters.

We also work hard to ensure that Parma residents are educated on the latest scams and identity theft tactics. Our Law Director, Tim Dobeck, frequently gives detailed presentations at local churches and businesses concerning the dangers of identity theft and what can be done to protect yourself or your organization.

Furthermore, we frequently put forth Law Director Advisories and Press Releases concerning the latest attempts to scam the residents of Parma. These cover a wide range of topics to include notices outlining recent instances of identity theft, insurance fraud, disability scams and tax fraud scams. Copies can be found in pamphlets and postings near our offices on the second floor of City hall, in our monthly newsletter at the Parma Senior Center, or on the Law Department's webpage at www.cityofparma-oh.gov/en-US/Law.aspx.

On this website you can also find a section dedicated to the 'ins and outs' of Parma's Do Not Knock registry (<http://www.cityofparma-oh.gov/en-US/Do-Not-Knock-Form.aspx>). This registry allows Parma residents to stipulate that they no longer wish to receive visits from peddlers and solicitors. It also requires that all peddlers and solicitors complete prior registration with the City.



Tim Dobeck is the elected Law Director for the City of Parma.

Annual Hydrant Flushing in May

The Parma Fire Department will conduct annual flushing of hydrants starting on May 18. The process is usually conducted within a 3-week period and is used to make sure they are functional and to perform small maintenance. Streets will be posted one day prior to flushing.

During hydrant flushing in your neighborhood, run cold water until it comes out clear, preferably before the water reaches your hot water tank. Do not wash clothes until the water is clear. If necessary, Red Be Gone can be picked up any City of Parma fire station for clothes stained due to flushing.

Please refer to the department web site at <http://www.parmafire.org> for updated information and flushing schedule.



Come visit the Stearns Homestead Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings June—October. Check our city calendar (www.cityofparma-oh.gov/calendar/en-US.aspx) for exact times and dates.

Auditor Brian Day



Did you know if you were born anywhere in the State of Ohio you can obtain a Certified Birth Certificate at Parma City Hall? No need to fight the traffic and pay for parking to go downtown, just come to the Auditor's Office at Parma City Hall. A certified birth certificate may be purchased directly through our office for a fee of \$25. Purchasing options are as follows:

- In person, Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cash, Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card are acceptable methods of payment. We will also accept a personal check accompanied by an Ohio Driver's License. The address on the check must match the address on the license.
- By phone, using either Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card; the direct number to Vital Statistics is 440-885-8816. Orders placed before 9:30 AM will be mailed out the same day.
- By mail, the application form is available on the City of Parma website under Auditor's Office. Or send a letter with the following information:

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Treasurer Tom Mastroianni



The Treasurer's office is located on the second floor of City Hall. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Our office takes in all money collected by all departments in our city. I also oversee the income tax department, which is also located on the second floor of

city hall. In the tax department we offer Parma residents free tax preparation of your Parma taxes.

We also collect all permit fees that residents or businesses pay when they apply for their permits, whether it is for home or commercial projects. We accept Visa, MasterCard, personal or business checks, and cash for payments of all permits.

All money that is received in our department is safely invested for our residents. We take this very seriously, and are always looking for more ways to earn or save our city money. Current interest rates are very low for cities, so we have to seek out the best rates we can obtain on bank fees.

With interest rates being so low, I looked into our outstanding bond debt and the possibility of refunding some of these bonds in order to save money with better rates on the debt. I am pleased to report that in 2016 I was able to complete a bond refunding and save approximately \$665,929. With this refund our total savings for the residents of Parma in \$1,376,608 since 2011. I will continue to look for ways to save our residents money.

If there is anything I, or my office can do for you please feel free to contact me anytime at 440-885-8812, or email me at tmastroianni@cityofparma-oh.gov. If you have any questions concerning income taxes please call 440-885-8045, or email them at taxoffice@cityofparma-oh.gov.

Thinking of having work done on your home or property?

Any contractors who do work in the City of Parma, including landscaping and lawn service contractors, must be registered with the Building Department. You can contact the Building Department to see if the contractor is properly registered to work in the city, and that a permit has been issued prior to starting the job. You can also contact the Better Business Bureau to check for complaints against the contractor.

Check out all that is available at Parma Senior Center

The Donna Smallwood Activities Center offers a variety of classes, activities and socializing opportunities for adults 55 and older. Senior Strength exercise classes, yoga stretch, and line dancing are here for those who want to stay active, and you can also take advantage of billiards, cards, puzzles and bingo.

The Center's specialized transportation program serves persons 60 years of age and older. It is meant to help those older adults with special needs where existing transportation services are unavailable or insufficient. The Center also offers Human Services programming, which is designed to help make sure our older adults have every opportunity to remain independent and in their homes.

There are many opportunities to get to know the Center and what it can do for you. Please stop by and check out our facilities, which features a YMCA exercise room and special YMCA-led classes. We are here to help you find what we have to offer you. Call us at 440-885-8800 with questions you may have or just stop by and see us.



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Run-Walk for Pierogies on July 1



By Sean Brennan
President, Parma City Council

Lace up your running shoes for the 7th annual Perla Homemade Delights Parma Run-Walk for Pierogies, coming up on Saturday, July 1 at 8:30 am at Cuyahoga Community College's western campus on Pleasant Valley Rd. Those who know me know that running is my passion. So seven years ago I combined my love for running, pierogies and giving back to the community by creating what has become one of our city's signature summer events.

Sponsored by University Hospitals Parma Medical Center and CCC-West, last year we hosted over 800 runners and walkers. Participants may either run or walk the 5k (3.1 miles) or walk the one-mile course. Pre-registration is only \$20 (\$10 for ages 11 and under) and may be completed online at www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing. Day of event registration is \$25. You can also e-mail us at pierogie5k@gmail.com or call me at (440) 885-8091 for a mail-in registration form.

The Run-Walk takes place on the beautiful CCC campus, which makes for a very flat course. Those who place in the top three spots in several age groups win our signature pierogie necklace award. The first 600 participants who pre-register are guaranteed to receive our famous Parma Run-Walk for Pierogies t-shirt, so register early. When you're done, David and Daniel at Parma's own Perla Homemade Delights generously provide all participants with their award-winning pierogies. There are also many other snacks and beverages after the race, not to mention loads of door prizes and free pictures.

Proceeds raised by the Run-Walk have benefited many local charities over the years, including Parma Boy and Girls Scouts, the Parma Area American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Parma High School Hockey Program, Parma Animal Shelter, Honor Flight Cleveland, All Kids Playground, All Faiths Pantry, CCC-Scholarships, the Parma Fire Safety House Fund, among others. Like us on Facebook and find us on Twitter @pierogie5k.



Summer is Parma Parade Season

Make plans now for two ethnic festivals, a church carnival parade with bicycle floats and the biggest parade of them all, the Parma Independence Day parade.

- * **Polish Constitution Day Parade** - May 7 at 2 p.m. on Ridge Road.
- * **Independence Day parade**—July 4 at 10 a.m. on Ridge Road
- * **St. Charles Carnival Parade**—July 12 at 6 p.m. on Ridge Road
- * **Ukrainian Village Parade**—Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. on Snow Rd.



Parma Splash Pad opens Memorial Day weekend

We are excited about another free family activity opening for this summer season. Right in the heart of The Crossroads of Parma town center, the splash pad is located at the site of the former Ridgewood Pool. The concept for the new splash pad features a zero-depth water playground with interactive and interchangeable water features. The splash pad, surrounded by decorative fencing and landscaping, would be fully handicapped-accessible and free for the public. The Splash Pad was made possible by an anonymous \$250,000 memorial donation.



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Parma's Safety Forces



The mission of the City of Parma Fire Department is "To protect our community and each other from harm with compassion, efficiency and empathy." As Chief of the Division of Fire, I make it my personal goal to encourage and insure that this mission is accomplished on a daily basis. Oper-

ating out of five strategically located fire stations throughout Parma, 23 proud members of the Division of Fire staff each of these stations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Our staff, consisting of two Chiefs, 91 uniformed personnel, three Fire Prevention staff officers, and five non-uniformed civilian personnel, provides the backbone and first line of defense in the protection of our community.

Our affiliation with the University Hospitals Health systems provides us with the latest tools and training in providing optimal pre-hospital emergency medical care. Our latest innovation is the inclusion of our "paramedicine" platform in which we bring the doctor to the home of the patient through on-scene video conferencing with an emergency room physician.

As our community has both aged and grown, we have seen the continuing trend of increased responses and needs for our service. In 2016, the Parma Fire Department responded to 11,072 calls for service - 9,174 medical emergencies, 208 fire-related responses, 860 false or good intent calls and 820 hazardous materials or specialty service calls. These numbers represent an approximate 34% percent increase over a ten-year period.

I offer my solemn vow that we, the members of the Parma Fire Department, will continue to provide our brand of outstanding customer service to our community with pride and dedication as we meet the challenges of our community and vocation.

Fire Chief Mike Lasky



As of February 2017, the Parma Police Department is staffed with 104 sworn officers and 33 Auxiliary officers. The department is divided into several divisions that serve approximately 82,000 Parma residents.

The largest division is uniform patrol. Officers are assigned to five shifts within uniform patrol. The first three shifts are traditional days, noons and nights. Two additional overlap shifts cover the busier times between days and noons and noons and nights. The department's traffic unit is a subdivision of uniform patrol and works independently from the shifts. In addition to regular traffic enforcement, the traffic unit handles all traffic complaints and investigates fatal accidents.

The second largest unit is our detective bureau. The detective bureau handles all felonies, corruption cases and major crimes. Also assigned to the detective bureau is the crime scene unit. These officers respond out to all major crimes, fatal accidents or where evidence needs to be collected in cases.

In 2017, the Parma Police will start a bicycle unit to patrol business districts. This is the first time such a unit will exist and it will be part of community policing. This will provide greater police visibility in these business areas, and we hope that this will offer a greater sense of security to our business owners and residents.

Protecting the Citizens of Parma is a duty and responsibility that our officers take seriously. We take pride in offering our residents a safe community in which to live and raise their families. We are here to serve 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Police Chief Joe Bobak

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 7—Polish Constitution Day Parade
May 17—Parma Public Safety Series
June 8-11—PACC Rib n Rock
July 4—Independence Day Parade

July 12—St. Charles Carnival Parade
July 22—Family Outdoor Movie Night
July 28-30—Challenger Baseball State Tournament
August 17—Parma Public Safety Series
August 23—Ukrainian Village Parade

Summer Band Concert Series announced

Parma and Parma Heights are again teaming up to bring you outdoor summer entertainment. The Summer Band Concert series is presented with the generous support of Cox Cable. Parma's concerts are held at Anthony Zielinski Park at Ridge & Ridgewood, and the Parma Heights shows are at Greenbrier Commons. We hope to see you this summer!



Parma's band concerts are as follows:

June 18 -Mike Jacobs & the Highlighters (Big Band)
June 25 - Ronnie Fiorentino (Timely Classics)
July 2 - Northcoast Mix (Diversity of Music Style)
July 9 - Brian Dorr (great American Song Book)
July 16 - Paradise Sunset (Summer Party Favorites)

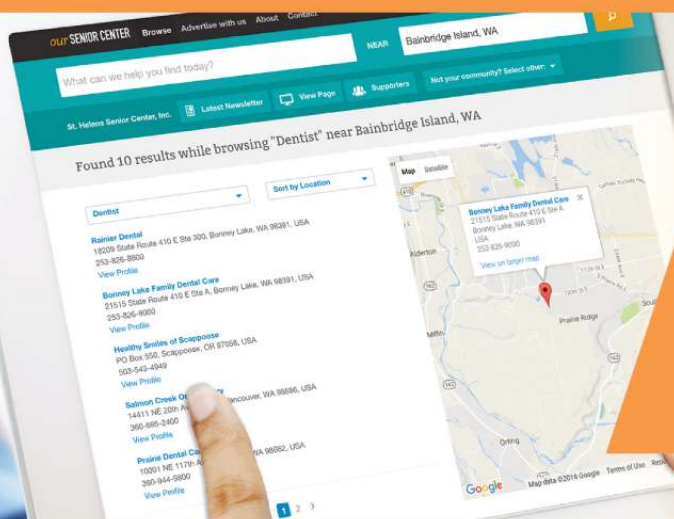
And Parma Heights will offer this schedule:

July 23 – Eddie & the Edsels (50s music)
July 30 – Steve Myers (Variety)
August 6 – Frank & Dean (Sinatra & Martin)
August 13 – Wayne Tomsic (Variety)
August 20 – Don Disantis (Rat Pack Era)

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Parma will host 2017 Challenger Baseball Little League State Tournament



Parma is pleased to host the 2017 State of Ohio Challenger Little League Baseball Tournament. This 25th annual event will take place July 28-30 at Veterans Memorial Park (formerly State Road Park) in Parma, Ohio. Northeast Ohio (NEO) Challenger is the host organization.

The Little League Baseball's Challenger Division was established so boys and girls with physical and mental

disabilities could enjoy and participate in the game of baseball like any other Little Leaguer. The Division's goal is to provide each player a chance to play, regardless of limitations. During a typical Challenger game, parents, coaches, and friends act as "buddies" to help players run bases (sometimes by pushing wheelchairs), catch, throw, and score. The therapeutic and socialization benefits for players are invaluable. Participation allows them to pull together as a team and build social skills that they may not otherwise have a chance to experience.

We hope you can be part of this memorable experience. Watch for further details as the tournament approaches.

